

Deputy Director's Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 17 January 1961

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Mr. [] suggested that a definition of a skeleton staff for Sunday be issued to the Assistant Directors for their information. It was decided that a skeleton staff should consist of one senior professional, available at the Assistant Director's phone throughout the day on Sunday. This individual should be qualified to answer any questions coming from the Director, and be able to summon the entire staff of the office if necessary.

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Mr. [] said he was drafting the letters to the State Department and would circulate them to Messrs. [] and Reber for comment.

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Mr. [] reported that the contracts and vouchers for the consultants at Princeton would be sent to Mr. [] today for transmission to Princeton on Saturday, and that henceforth the vouchers would be prepared in advance of each meeting and could be filled in at Princeton.

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Mr. [] reported that arrangements had been made with the Washington Hotel Association to hold rooms for the agency until six o'clock each evening.

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Mr. Reber said he had discussed intelligence research support with Mr. Angleton of [] and that there were three categories needed, specifically: biographic intelligence, research in depth and detail, and research on the Communist party.

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Mr. [] has reported to Mr. McConnell that he recommends that research and development be subsidized and that training be subsidized.

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Mr. [] asked what progress was being made on security checks and suggested that the Director send a letter to the Attorney General stating that inasmuch as the FBI had refused to do any more security checks, the CIA would have to do its own investigative

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staff which it planned to keep on a permanent basis. Mr. McConnel said he did not think this was necessary. He added that I & S would have a staff available soon to handle a thousand security checks a month.

Mr. Reber suggested that he take Mr. [REDACTED] to see Alan Evans and talk about psychological warfare.

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